

***Cherokee County Board of Commissioners***

***Regular Meeting Minutes***

January 7, 2019

6:30 P.M.

Cherokee County Courthouse

Members present: Gary Westmoreland, Chairman; Roy Dickey, Vice-Chairman; Cal Stiles, member; Dr. Dan Eichenbaum, Member; and C.B. McKinnon, member.

Staff present: Randy Wiggins, County Manager; Candy Anderson, Finance Officer; Maria Hass, Assistant County Manager and Clerk to the Board; and Darryl Brown, County Attorney.

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**I. Ethics Statement**

*The Chairman reminded the Board of their duty under the Local Government Ethics Act".*

**II. Invocation**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Modification of Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to add a budget revision for an HVAC unit at the sheriff's department, as item "d" under New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to add a Memorandum of Understanding for Tri-County Community College Funding and appointments, as item "m" under New Business. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Dickey and Westmoreland. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners Stiles, Eichenbaum, and McKinnon. Motion failed 2-3.

**V. Agenda Adoption**

Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve the agenda as modified. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Public Forum**

There were no public comments.

## **VII. Minutes**

- Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the minutes of November 8, 2018. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve the minutes for the organizational meeting of December 3, 2018. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 3, 2018 as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. Finance and Budget**

- a) Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a budget revision for the senior center for receipt of a Modern Woodman grant and fundraising revenue from senior center activities. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Motion made by Commissioner Dickey to approve a budget revision for schools use of Article 46 sales tax for multiple school projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed unanimously.
- c) Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to split an 87 gallon shortage of airport Av Gas 50/50 with the fixed base operator. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners McKinnon, Eichenbaum, Westmoreland and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed 4-1.
- d) Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve a budget revision to replace an HVAC unit at the sheriff's department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.

## **IX. New Business**

- a) After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to call for the letter of credit for Peachtree Manor, due to lack of progress. Motion seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Voting in favor of the Motion was Commissioners Eichenbaum, McKinnon and Dickey. Voting against the Motion was Commissioners Westmoreland and Stiles. Motion passed 3-2.
- b) Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the tax releases. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

- c) Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to approve the tax refund report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- d) Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve the NC Vehicle Tax System report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.
- e) Motion made by Commissioner Eichenbaum to re-advertise the Bear Creek Estates tax foreclosure property and set a reserve of \$3,578.39 to cover the counties cost associated with the property. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stiles. Motion passed unanimously.
- f) After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Dickey to table the Cherokee County Saddle Club project request and lease proposal for property at the Cherokee County Fairgrounds, until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.
- g) Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to re-appoint Jane Stiles to the Joint Community Care Advisory Committee for a term of three years. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- h) Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to approve a resolution for abandonment of NCDOT State Road 1144, Jenny Hughes Road. Motion seconded by Commissioner Westmoreland. Motion passed unanimously.
- i) Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a resolution requesting the USFS to convey 165+/-acres at Hanging Dog Campground to Cherokee County for the purpose of reopening, operating and maintaining the campground. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.
- j) Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to table the Articles of Association and Agreement for the Southwestern Workforce Development Consortium, until the Board could get more information. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.
- k) Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to waive landfill fees for the renovation of the historic Harshaw Chapel. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.
- l) Motion made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve an addendum to the airport lease to allow the FBO use of a 2004 Jeep Cherokee for the purpose of providing a courtesy car to pilots. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eichenbaum. Motion passed unanimously.

## **X. County Manager Items**

The county manager gave an update on the Apalachia Lake boat access project, saying that the project is to pick back up in the spring.

After discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner McKinnon to approve a budget revision for use of fund balance to repair the PAPI and runway lights at the airport. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **XI. Chairman/Commissioner Items**

Commissioner Eichenbaum announced that the Panther Top shooting range is now open, despite the government shutdown. He said that he had written the local USFS Ranger requesting that the range be re-opened. Commissioner McKinnon said that he appreciated the Ranger and his response to the request.

#### **XII. Closed Session**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to go into closed session, following a five-minute break, to consult with the county attorney to protect attorney-client privilege. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **XIII. Open Session**

After returning to open session, there was no action taken on matters discussed in closed session.

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

Motion made by Commissioner Stiles to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dickey. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON FEBRUARY 18, 2019.**